

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (currently amended): ~~The microscope of Claim 9~~ A microscope comprising:
 an arcuate microscope arm, said arcuate microscope arm comprising an interior and an
 exterior surface; said interior surface comprising at least one recessed portion, said at least one
 recessed portion is arcuate and extends from said interior surface of said microscope arm to an
 inner recess surface of said microscope arm, said at least one recessed portion comprising a
 surface for gripping said microscope, wherein said interior surface is proximate to a user of said
 microscope and said exterior surface is opposite said interior surface, wherein said at least one
 recessed portion is a removable panel.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The microscope of Claim 15 wherein a portion of said at
least one recessed portion is disposed above a stage and below an objective turret of said
microscope.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The microscope of Claim 15 wherein said at least one
recessed portion comprises at least one wall extending from said inner recess surface to said
interior surface and said at least one wall is selected from the group consisting of planar, arcuate,
spherical, and ellipsoidal.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The microscope of Claim 15 wherein said at least one
recessed portion comprises a textured surface for increasing a static coefficient of friction
thereof.

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Claim 19 (previously presented): The microscope of Claim 15 wherein said at least one recessed portion extends from said interior surface of said microscope arm to a side of said microscope arm.

Claims 20-28 (cancelled)